

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

IN addition, as a member of the voting public, and as someone who once served in the Armed Forces, I am very concerned that a clearly biased point of view is being provided free of cost to the network company. If this company is going to so blatantly abuse the PUBLIC airways - I request that they pay the government for the time that they have appropriated from the public.
Thank you.